17 February 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIACG Meeting of 17 February 1971

- 2. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future work method and approach to be followed by the CIACG in the coming months. As background for this discussion, the 14 February 1969 Terms of Reference for the China Intelligence Activities Coordinator were read and commented upon briefly.
- 3. The Chairman referred to the fact that the USIB Letter of Transmittal of the Terms of Reference for the CIAC stated that each USIB principal would appoint a senior Chinese Affairs Officer to the CIACG. The Chairman noted that because of the organizational arrangements in each agency it had not proved possible to have Chinese experts as members of the CIACG. During subsequent discussion, it was agreed that the non-expert membership of the CIACG was perfectly acceptable and had worked reasonably well in the past. Each member was in a position to call upon expertise in his own agency when that was required.

suggested that it might be appropriate for the Committee to undertake a review of the progress that has actually been made in China programs over the past year or two. He felt that a number of deficiencies were noted in the past and recommendations made for improvement, but he personally was unaware in each case of what had been accomplished. He said he felt that most of our problems were in the collection field and pertained to matters of emphasis and resource allocation.

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